

MORE THAN 300 ATTEND LEAGUE MEET AT COEBURN

Special Music by Coeburn Orchestra and Regular Monthly Program is Enjoyed by Visitors

The Wise County Epworth League Union held its regular monthly meeting at Coeburn on Friday night, December 15th, with an attendance of about 300.

Two marches were played by the Coeburn Orchestra, before the opening of the meeting at 8:00 o'clock at which time the house was called to order by the president. The minutes of the meeting held at Appalachia were read and approved with one slight correction.

The following program was given: Song—By All. "The Fight is On Prayer." Rev. R. N. Havens, Coeburn Selection, "La Cascade".....

.....Coeburn Orchestra Topic, "Why Every Church Should Have An Epworth League".....

.....Miss Covey, Norton Trombone Solo, "Afterwards".....

.....Mr. George Shores, Coeburn Vocal Solo, "Face to Face".....

.....Mrs. R. N. Havens, Coeburn Vocal Solo, "A Tear; A Kiss; A Smile".....

.....Miss Mary Lee Greer, Coeburn. Saxophone Solo, with orchestra accompaniment.

"My Heart Belongs to You".....

.....Miss Lucile Ashworth, Coeburn. This was followed by a report from the various leagues which resulted in the winning of the pennant by the Glamorgan League, which showed a percentage of 68.80 per cent.

A complete report by the Chairman of the program committee, Miss Edith Cherry, of Norton, could not be made due to the lack of representation of several leagues.

New report blanks to be used as the basis of the pennant contest were submitted by the committee. They were voted upon and adopted.

The evening's program was completed by a rousing talk made by Brother Shugart, congratulating the young people upon their good work and inspiring them to greater things.

It was decided that there would be no meeting during January, due to possible inclement weather, and that the next meeting would be held at Norton on Friday night, February 15th.

After the conclusion of the program refreshments were served by the Coeburn League, consisting of brick ice cream, lady fingers, caramel and chocolate candy. The color scheme of orange and white—the league colors, were carried out in the church decorations and refreshments.

Small white cards, bearing the league monogram and the verse, "We're glad to see you; now this is true; With your push; get up, and fight—The Union will help you in whatever you do—Makes things go just right—Printed in gold type—served as favors.

NORTON GROCERY CHANGES HANDS

Flanary Interests Purchased by Several Capitalists of Southwest

A deal has just been consummated by which the large Flanary interests involving control of The Norton Grocery Company pass into the hands of a coterie of capitalists made up of H. Hardaway, of Bristol; Lee Long, of Dante; Scott Litton, of Clinchfield; A. L. Witt, of Big Stone Gap; W. N. Surface, of Norton; R. I. Osborne and G. E. Houser, of Abingdon. The latter will succeed R. T. Flanary as treasurer and will move his family there as soon as suitable quarters can be found. W. M. Wray, who has been with this concern since 1917, and is thus their oldest member, will continue as secretary and R. L. Osborne, who came with them only a few months later will remain general manager.

Many Americans who made a point of laying up something for a rainy day, now wish they had laid up something for a dry one.—London Opinion.

QUITS LAUNDRY FOR FARM LIFE

Garland Stidham, Norton, has been forced to sell his interest in the Norton Laundry Company because of ill health. The concern will change hands January 1, and Stidham will buy a farm and take a much needed rest. The Norton laundry is said to be the best equipped in Southwest Virginia and the sale price is reported at \$25,000.

DESTROYED TWO STILLS IN DICKENSON

Freeling, Va., Dec. 16.—Prohibition Officer C. S. Colley and others seized and destroyed two stills of considerable capacity in Cumberland Mountain about three miles above here, during the past week. Two young men bearing the names of Eesp and Sweeney, said to be from Kentucky, were arrested and taken to Clintwood, where they gave bond for their appearance for trial, with Russell Haynes as bondsman. Whiskey appears to be quite plentiful, and here is the usual consequent disorder over the entire section.

CHILD IS VICTIM OF MENINGITIS

Mary Maxie, 6 year old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Addington, Blackwood, died at that place last Tuesday with meningitis. Interment was made on the Hurricane.

FOX RETURNS FROM EASTERN TRIP

H. E. Fox has returned to Big Stone Gap after spending several days in New York, Philadelphia and Washington as a member of the committee which is preparing the data on the proposed Appalachian National Park.

COAL MOVEMENT MORE ACTIVE

For the week ending December 9 a total of 159,935 tons of coal were produced in this field. Coal tonnage increased 8,314 tons, while coke stayed about the same with 14,164 tons reported for the week.

The N. & W. hauled 28,755 tons during the week; the N. & N. delivered 1,562 tons to the trunk lines at Norton; the Interstate leads with 40,070 tons; the Southern handled 35,166 tons and the C. C. & O. reported 33,082 tons for the week.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC

By the Large Choir, Assisted by the Splendid Orchestra, At M. E. Church, South, Sunday, Dec. 24, 11 a. m.

The morning program will consist principally of Christian carols and other appropriate songs.

If you enjoy good music and want a thrill of the best Christmas spirit you cannot afford to miss this service.

The public is invited.

Chaplin a Chesterfield in "The Idle Class"

It took Charles Chaplin just twenty-two weeks to make "The Idle Class," his latest comedy for First National, which comes to the Amuzu Theatre on Thursday.

Besides Mr. Chaplin the cast of "The Idle Class" consists of Edna Purviance, Loyal Underwood, Harry Bergman, Rex Storey, John Rand, Lelita Parker and Allan Garcia.

In many of the scenes Mr. Chaplin plays it "straight," with the exception of his moustache. And in an fait evening clothes, trying to conduct himself as a Lord Chesterfield should, Charlie almost splits one's sides. Then, just to pile on the agony, he shifts back to the familiar bedraggled afternoon coat, dented derby and leaky shoes.—adv.

KLINE'S CONDITION SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

B. F. Kline, prominent Norton business man, is reported to be improving at the Norton hospital, where he underwent an operation for acute appendicitis two weeks ago. His physicians believe him to be out of danger and expect to have him out within a short time.

AUCTION SALE IS POSTPONED

Sale of Clay Stewart Farms to be Held Up Long Enough to Complete Survey

The auction sale of the H. Clay Stewart farms, advertised in this paper for sale December 21, has been postponed long enough for the engineers to complete the survey of the property. Rain prevented the work being done last week and the First National Land Auction Company, who have the sale in charge, decided to hold the big deal off until everything was in readiness.

The Stewart farms are well known and considerable interest is being shown in the sale. It is said by farmers of this section that these farms are excellent for trucking, and it is believed that most of the small or "baby farms" will be purchased by people who see the trucking possibilities of this section.

Watch the columns of this paper for particulars announcing the exact date of this sale, which will take place within the next week or two.

ROGERSVILLE HAS NEW HOSIERY MILL

Forty Homes To Be Erected On Mill Property at Rogersville, Tenn.

Rogersville, Tenn., Dec. 18.—The Taubel-Scott-Kitzmiller Hosiery Mill Company, of Rogersville, is to open soon. A visit to the town by Messrs. Scott and Kitzmiller put immediate life in the mill operation that was closed down last summer on account of sluggish sales in hosiery. This good news was not altogether unexpected since the indications of industrial developments throughout the country warrant the purchase of sox by every one that has a job.

The Taubel-Kitzmiller-Kenner Company brought from the Kitzmiller-Kenner Company a lot adjoining the hosiery mill 184 by 164 for an extension of the main building. The purpose of this extension is to expand the capacity of the present mill to where 400 hands will be employed. One hundred and seventy-five hands are wanted soon for the opening business with further developments and additions later. The same interest purchased lands adjoining the mill properties and have planned immediate erection of forty homes for families who are at work in the mills. These houses are to be rented at the very lowest nominal sum for the benefit of the mill hands of the company.

The Kitzmiller-Kenner Company have also arranged for the installing of another boiler in the box factory the purpose of which is to furnish electric current for the motors of the Hosiery Mill. This extra boiler capacity is also needed for the development of the box factory business since the chain of Hosiery Mills, of the Taubel-Scott interests will, it is reported to be able to take the entire output of the factory.

This new investment of the Hosiery Mill people in our county and town makes double assurance that these interests are permanent and sufficient magnitude to put the town of Rogersville up to the front with any of her neighboring towns in the textile industry. This is not all. These people have repeatedly stated that they have come to be one of us, to help develop the town, the county and our industrial welfare.

The people of the town have responded with their part, having invested in these enterprises not less than \$50,000 of their money to start the operations and place them on stable basis. They are now getting their returns.

These mills and large investments can be credited to the energy and far sightedness of the Business Men's League. Mr. T. J. Price as secretary of the Business Organization saw in the paper that these interests were searching for locations in the south for their Hosiery Mills. He immediately got in touch with them by wire and through urgent invitation and explanations of our fitness for such mills they made investigations, locating in our town.

Prof: Every time I breathe, someone dies."

Voice from rear: "Better try clove."

STREET WORK STOPS AS RAIN CONTINUES

All work of laying the final coat of asphalt on the new street came to a close when the rain began its steady down pour last week. Unless weather conditions change it will be several weeks before the work can be completed.

OLD DOMINION TO BUILD AT NORTON

The Old Dominion Power Company, of Norton, will build a business block in that city soon after the first of the year, according to reports just received here. The building will be located at the corner of Ninth and Park avenue.

STONEGA PLAY WAS GREAT SUCCESS

If applause and laughter are any indications of success in dramatics the "Old Maid's Convention," was a howling success at Stonega Monday night. A large and appreciative audience was on hand to witness the amusing farce which was staged by the missionary society of that place.

WILD CAT VALLEY ROAD

The location of the proposed highway in Wild Cat Valley through Lee county has been completed, and plan, profile and estimates submitted to the supervisors of Lee county. The layout of four and one-half miles is based upon standard Virginia Highway specifications, and will be one of the cheapest links of road to construct as well as the easiest grades and alignments and lowest cost to maintain, in this part of the country.

REPUBLICANS OF COUNTY WILL NAME CANDIDATES JAN. 27

Names of Local Men Figure Prominently in List of Possibilities

With the announcement by County Chairman C. J. Creveling that the Republicans of the county will meet in convention at Wise on January 27 to nominate candidates for the 1923 election, political interest begins anew. Not daunted by the severe drubbing they received at the polls last month, the leaders have begun early to begin in earnest the formulation of plans calculated to bring the county back into the fold.

"The recent election," said Mr. Creveling, "cannot be taken as an indication of the real political trend of the county. Wise county is normally Republican, and I am confident that it will swing back when the county offices are decided."

One delegate and alternate will be sent to the convention for every thirty-three and one-third votes cast for Mr. Hassinger in the November election. Based on this scale a total of 132 delegates will go to Wise next month.

Witt Is Mentioned

Candidates for the various offices to be filled next year are coming to the front. Some of them, both Democratic and Republican, are moving among their friends with a view to winning nominations in the two conventions. Names quite prominent in the list seem to be those who have not definitely decided whether to run or not. A. L. Witt, prominent local man and general county favorite, is being urged by his friends to enter the race for office of county treasurer. So far he has refused to commit himself, and would say nothing for publication. George Taylor, East Stone Gap, is also mentioned by his friends for the office. Numerous other names are being mentioned, but it will be in January before the list will give any idea of who the Democrats will have to face at the next election.

RAIN BRINGS RIVERS TO OLD LEVEL

The rain of all last week has swelled the rivers of the county back to their old levels. The long dry summer had reduced most of the streams to memoris. Water is now plentiful throughout this county and Lee.

GOOD CITIZEN ANSWERS ROLL CALL

W. H. Carnes Died Saturday Morning After a Short Illness at Age of 64 Years

William H. Carnes, one of Big Stone Gap's best loved and highly esteemed citizens, passed to his reward on last Saturday morning at 3:45 o'clock following an illness that covered a period of less than two weeks. A gloom of sorrow seemed to spread over the community when his many friends learned of his death. Mr. Carnes was taken ill about two weeks ago with an attack of influenza but was not confined to his bed until Monday, December 11th, when it was found he also was suffering from erysipelas, in its worst form. Owing to his previous illness he could only offer a feeble resistance to the ravages of this disease and died after everything that human hands could do to save his life. Mr. Carnes had lived a very active life. His friends wondered at the energy he displayed in going about his daily tasks. For the past sixteen years he had been employed as mail carrier on Route 1 which comprises the valley section above town. Owing to his age he could have retired from the service one year ago with a pension but instead he filed an application for two more years and said if he lived and health permitted he would try to serve five additional years.

Mr. Carnes was born and reared to manhood at Hickory Flats in Lee county, Va., and was married to Mrs. Emma Martin at Jonesville on December 25th, 1881. He moved to Big Stone Gap in the year of 1891. To this union were born nine children, one dying in infancy, while the other eight survive, the youngest of which is 21 years of age. All of the children were present at the funeral. Those living at a distance were on their way here when the end came.

The deceased had lived the life of a Christian since early boyhood, having professed faith in Christ at the age of ten years. He took an active part in church work, in Sunday School, and revival services. He cheerfully tendered his services in whatever department they were most needed.

A striking testimony of the friendship he enjoyed in this community was attested by the many people who attended the funeral services held at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon. The house was filled to its capacity and many were forced to stand up. The floral tributes were beautiful and numerous, coming from many friends at a distance as well as from this place. The services were in charge of the pastor, Rev. R. G. Reynolds, assisted by Rev. J. M. Smith, of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. A. M. Padgett, of the Baptist church. Burial was in Glencoe cemetery.

Besides the widow the deceased is survived by the following children: Wm. B. Carnes, of Washington City; John Carnes, of Norfolk, Va.; Robt. P. and Allen M. Carnes, of Elkhorn, Va.; Mrs. Joe Crill, Hugh S. Carnes and Mrs. Wayne Wright, of Big Stone Gap. Two brothers, Rev. John W. Carnes, of Fountain City, Tenn., Rob. S. Carnes, of Pennington Gap, and a sister, Miss Margaret J. Carnes, were here to attend the funeral. Another brother, Thomas P. Carnes, of Roseburg, Oregon, was unable to be here.

Card of Thanks

To the friends who came to us in our hour of trouble and contributed all that human kindness could suggest, to help and comfort, we return our heartfelt thanks, and although such devoted friendship cannot remove the sad memories that linger around our vacant chair, it brings into view the brightest side of humanity, and throws the pure light of an unselfish friendship into a darkened home. May the day be far distant when those friends who gathered around us will need similar attention, but when the time comes may they receive the same full measure of generous aid and tender sympathy they brought to our home when death was an inmate here.

Mrs. W. H. Carnes and Family.

Another American explorer is planning to return from the frozen north this winter. We advise him to bring plenty of good warm clothes with him.—Life.

APPALACHIA MASONS. ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Appalachia, Va., Dec. 15.—Appalachia Lodge No. 229, A. F. and A. M., held its regular annual meeting last week and the following is a list of the officers that were elected for the ensuing year:

G. A. Williams, Worshipful Master; Robert K. Jett, Senior Warden; Howard A. Pritchett, Junior Warden; J. Charles Jones, Secretary; J. A. Gardner, Senior Deacon; J. C. McKenzie, Junior Deacon; Rev. F. N. Wolfe, Chaplain; C. D. Caruthers and J. J. McSweeney, Stewards; Frank Brooks, Tyler.

A large attendance was present at this meeting. After the business session refreshments were served to those present.

Appalachia Lodge is one of the leading Masonic Lodges in southwest Virginia and is the largest lodge in membership outside the large city lodges, like Richmond or Roanoke, and stands about the fifteenth largest lodge in membership in the entire state (320). It is a very progressive lodge and is known for its members being well versed in Masonry. It owns its own hall which is valued at more than \$20,000.00 and plans have been on foot for some time to purchase a site and build a larger temple, which no doubt will be done in the future.

U. D. C. ENTERTAINED

Old Soliders to be Given Christmas Baskets

Mrs. I. T. Gilly was the lovely hostess of the December meeting of the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at her home last Wednesday afternoon.

During the business session of this meeting, the president, Mrs. Malcolm Smith, appointed a committee to raise money for the new books to be placed in the school library. Those on this committee are Mrs. G. L. Taylor, Mrs. W. T. Goodloe, Mrs. J. L. Wampler and Mrs. E. A. Compton.

It was decided during this session to send to each of the old soldiers on Sunday before Christmas a basket filled with fruits and groceries. So any one wishing to contribute to these baskets are invited to do so and to send their offerings to Mrs. I. T. Gilly before Sunday.

Mrs. W. J. Draper was a new member at this meeting.

The chapter voted to have a Silver Tea January 19th, Lee's birthday. The place to be announced later.

Following is the Historical program for the afternoon arranged by the historian, Mrs. George L. Taylor. The subject being General R. E. Lee.

Paper, General Lee as President of Washington and Lee University. Written and read by Mrs. Malcolm Smith.

Vocal Solo, Washington and Lee All Hail.....Miss Juliet Knight Reading.....Newspaper Clipping Mrs. Henry L. Lane

Reading, Memorial to Thomas Nelson Page.....Mrs. C. C. Long Piano Solos.....Love's Awakening.....

.....Moszkowski Mountain Stream.....Smith

Mrs. Sara Williams Black Following the above splendid program, Mrs. Gilly, assisted by Mrs. J. W. Kelly and Mrs. Shaler Gilly served a delicious salad course consisting of chicken salad, potato chips, tomato aspic and hot rolls, followed by salted nuts and ice course.

Mrs. Malcolm Smith, the president, invited the chapter to meet with her the second Wednesday afternoon in January at 3 o'clock.

Those present were Mesdames Malcolm Smith, Geo. L. Taylor, J. B. Wampler, J. W. Kelly, C. C. Long, E. F. Tate, Sara W. Black, J. M. Young, J. L. McCormick, Shaler Gilly, Henry L. Lane, Fred L. Troy, Misses Rosa Pridemore, Juliet Knight and Ruth Smith.

Christ Episcopal Church

Services Sunday, December 24th. Sunday school and Men's Bible Class at 10 a. m. Morning prayer, sermon and Holy communion a 11 a. m. All welcome.

REV. E. C. BURNZ, Rector.

SCHOOL CLOSES FRIDAY FOR HOLIDAYS

Schools throughout the county will close Friday for the Christmas holidays. All the teachers of the local school will go home on Saturday.